Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 10 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 11 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020 at 16:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High in general developments and unsettled theme. Medium for cloud amounts.

Headline for Thursday 10 Dec 2020: Cloudy with patchy rain and high level snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Dull	Sleet	Sleet	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	50%	50%	40%	50%	60%	50%

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Weather: Rather cloudy overnight with patchy light rain and snow. Cloudy during daylight hours with patchy rain and snow. The rain and snow most persistent over Skye and into Knoydart and Glen Shiel with some drier and brighter conditions from Ben Wyvis up to Assynt and Ben Hope. However, the rain and snow turning heavier and more widespread after dusk. Snow mainly above 800m rising to 1000m or more on the west coast with blizzard conditions at times in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 40%, extensive cloud 600 to 900m, the highest bases from Ben Wyvis up to Assynt and Ben Hope, but patches to 300m over Skye.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and snow, and very poor at times at height. Good or very good at times lower down.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	35/40 SE	31/36 SE	33/38 SE	31/36 SE	33/39 SE	31/37 SE	35/43 SE	39/47 SE	35/44 SE
900	30/35 SE	26/31 SE	29/34 SE	27/33 SE	29/35 SE	27/32 SE	31/38 SE	35/43 SE	31/40 SE
600	20/25 SE	18/23 SE	18/24 SE	17/23 SE	19/25 SE	17/24 SE	21/28 SE	24/33 SE	22/30 SE
300	1/20 SE	2/17 SE	2/17 SE	3/18 SE	4/22 SE	3/20 SE	4/26 SE	7/30 SE	5/28 SE
Glen	7/18 SE	10/22 SE	7/18 SE	9/20 SE	10/22 SE	11/24 SE	14/28 SE	16/32 SE	15/31 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-10	-1/-9	-0/-9	-0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10
900	-0/-8	-0/-8	0/-7	0/-7	1/-7	0/-7	0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8
600	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3	3/-3	3/-2	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4
300	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/2	4/3	4/3	4/3	4/2	4/2
Glen	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/4	7/4	7/4	7/4	7/3	7/3
Freezing Level*	900m	1000m	1100m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1200m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Navigational difficulties expected at height due to increasing amounts of low cloud, particularly in the south.

Forecast for Friday 11 Dec 2020
Weather: Mostly cloudy with occasional rain and snow. The best of the conditions are expected around Ben Wyvis, Torridon and up to Assynt. Snow mainly above 1000m, perhaps lowering to 800m at times with temporary blizzard conditions over the very highest summits.

Maximum wind: Southeast 25 to 35mph gusting 50mph with a severe wind chill

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, extensive cloud 600 to 900m, the highest bases over Ben Wyvis, Torridon and Assynt.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in any rain and snow, occasionally very poor at height. Often good or very good lower down.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 1000m

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